

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
ASHEVILLE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF )  
AMERICA, )  
Plaintiff, )  
vs. ) Case No: 1:22-CR-00008-1  
MICHAEL IRVIN HUGHES, ) MR-WCM  
Defendant. )  
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**MOTION TO WITHDRAW**

COMES NOW the undersigned counsel for Michael Irvin Hughes, James W. Kilbourne, Jr., and hereby moves this Honorable Court for an Order allowing Counsel to withdraw from representation of Michael Irvin Hughes, and in support thereof does offer the following:

1. Mary Ellen Coleman withdrew from representing Michael Irvin Hughes on August 10, 2022, due to an internal conflict of interest at the Federal Defendant's Office.
2. The undersigned was notified of his appointment on August 10, 2022, but has yet to make an appearance or meet with his client.
3. During the initial discussions with Ms. Coleman on August 12, 2022, it appeared that the undersigned had a potential, undiscovered conflict of interest related to another matter handled by the undersigned. This conflict was shared with Ms. Coleman during this initial discussion.

4. After further investigation, this conflict of interest prevents the undersigned from representing Michael Irvin Hughes.
5. Counsel believes his withdrawal can be accomplished at this time without a materially adverse effect on the Defendant's interest.

Respectfully submitted, this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.

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